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OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC Attorney Docket No.: 117129 P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Date: September 11, 2003 Telephone: (703) 836-6400 Facsimile: (703) 836-2787 MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL Customer Number: 25944 **RULE §1.53(b)** Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application APPARATUS, MOLD, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING METAL-CERAMIC For (Title): **COMPOSITE MEMBER** Hideyo OSANAI, Susumu IBARAGI and Makoto NAMIOKA By (Inventors): \boxtimes Formal drawings (Figs. 1-12; 8 sheets) are attached. Use Figure for front page of Publication. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith. This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. filed (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.) This patent application is assigned to DOWA MINING CO., LTD.. The executed Assignment is filed herewith. An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith. Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted. A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith. Priority of foreign application No. 2002-268100 filed September 13, 2002 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119). A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith. This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. \boxtimes The filing fee is calculated below: CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED ABOVE OTHER THAN A **SMALL ENTITY** <u>)R</u> <u>)R</u> <u>)R</u>

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